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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of
BAVARI et al.
Serial No.: 09/465,276
Filed: December 16, 1999
For: Antibodies Against Type A Botulinum Neurotoxin

Examiner: Zeman, R.
Group Art Unit : 1645
Attny Docket: 003/175/SAP

Today's date: December 12, 2002

RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 12, 2002 in the above-mentioned application, the date for response hereby extended to include today's date by petition and payment of the proper fees herewith.

Kindly amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly cancel claim 17.

Kindly amend the claims as follows.

14. A method for detecting BoNT/A, said method comprising:

(i) incubating a sample with an effective amount of one or more monoclonal antibodies against BoNT/A, said monoclonal antibodies comprising 6B2-2, under conditions which allow the formation of an antibody-BoNT/A complex; and

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